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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE PREDICTIONS FOR ZAGREB AREA

1. IN THE COURSE OF THE PAST WEEK, RUMORS OF AN IMPENDING STRONG EARTHQUAKE IN ZAGREB HAVE SWEEPED THIS CITY AND HAVE ALARMED THE POPULATION. THE RUMORS WERE APPARENTLY SPARKED BY NEWS REPORTS IN ZAGREB'S AFTERNOON DAILY, VECERNJI LIST, LAST WEEK, WHICH REFERRED TO PREDICTIONS BY UNNAMED JAPANESE SEISMOLOGISTS WHO HAD PINPOINTED ZAGREB FOR A DESTRUCTIVE EARTHQUAKE ON AUGUST 13, 15 OR 18. ON AUGUST 8 AND 9 LEADING ZAGREB DAILIES CARRIED AUTHORITATIVE DENIALS OF AN IMPENDING DISASTER AND QUOTED LOCAL SEISMOLOGISTS WHO SAID THERE IS NO WAY SCIENTIFICALLY TO PREDICT THE EXACT TIME OR PLACE OF AN EARTHQUAKE. THEY ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT SCIENTISTS CAN IDENTIFY EARTHQUAKE PRONE AREAS WHICH INCLUDE LARGE PARTS OF YUGOSLAVIA INCLUDING THE ZAGREB AREA. THIS MORNING'S PRESS (AUGUST 11) REPORTED THAT TWO MINOR EARTHQUAKES HAD TAKEN PLACE NEAR ZAGREB YESTERDAY: ONE ABOUT 60 KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF ZAGREB AND THE OTHER 30 KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF THE CITY. AN EXPERT FROM THE GEOPHYSICAL INSTITUTE OF ZAGREB WAS QUOTED AS SAYING "THERE IS NO REASON TO FEAR."

2. OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVS IN ZAGREB LEAD US TO EXPECT  
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THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF ZAGREB CITIZENS WILL LEAVE TOWN IN ORDER

TO BE ABSENT ON FRIDAY THE 13TH. TODAY'S REPORTS OF TREMORS IN  
THE AREA WILL ONLY INCREASE ANXIETY AND MAY CAUSE A STILL HIGHER  
EXODUS FROM THE CITY. KAISER

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